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In re the Application of: INOUE, et al.

Serial No.: **08/921,250** Group Art Unit: **1763**

Filed: August 29, 1997 Examiner: George A. Goudreau

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FOR: FABRICATION METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ABRASIVE LIQUID USED THEREIN

SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS OF FILED PAPERS AND PENDING CLAIMS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a second request for the status regarding, (1) Information Disclosure Statements filed April 23, 2001, and June 16, 2003, and (2) the pending claims.

In regard to (1), a Request for Return of Form PTO-1449's was filed August 14, 2003, requesting initialed forms PTO-1449 for Information Disclosure Statements filed April 23, 2001 and June 16, 2003. A copy of this paper is attached.

In regard to (2), a letter was filed August 14, 2003 requesting the correct identification of the allowed and pending claims. A copy of this paper is attached.

Application S.N. 08/921,250 Second Request for Status of Filed Papers and Pending Claims

In the event any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Letter dated August 14, 2003

Request for Return of Form PTO-1449's (w/attachments)

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August 14, 2003

Sir:

Information Disclosure Statements were filed on April 23, 2001 and June 16, 2003. A copy of each of these Information Disclosure Statements is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Forms PTO-1449 which accompanies each of the Information Disclosure Statement, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any questions concerning this Request.

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated in connection with the above-identified case. SGA/ARF



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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 14, 2003

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated June 3, 2003. In the Notice of Allowability, the allowed claims are indicated as "3-14, 16-20, 22-27, 31."

However, claims 5, 8 and 19 were previously amended and claims 10 and 18 were canceled in the Response filed September 5, 2002. As such, claims 3-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-27 and 31 are pending. The Patent Office is requested to correct the identification of the allowed claims.

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